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1. A meeting of the inter-party Austrian Defense Committee was held on 26 October 1948. It consisted of Ferdinand Graf, Julius Raab, and Alfons Gorbach representing the People's Party, and Oskar Helmer, Hans Brachmann, and Julius Deutsch representing the Socialists. The following points were on the agenda:
- Party defense organizations;
  - Proposed increase in police and gendarmerie strength;
  - Formation of the Federal Army.
2. The committee unanimously agreed to adopt the following measures on the first point in the agenda:
- The People's Party and the Socialists should each select 1,000 reliable men who would be used in the event of a Communist putsch to reinforce the Vienna police force.
  - Two secretariats, staffed by nominees of Helmer and Graf respectively, should be set up as soon as possible in the Rossauer Kaserne to handle the administration of the paramilitary force. These 2,000 hand-picked party volunteers will appear on the records as applicants for police appointments whose applications have to be deferred because of a lack of vacancies.
  - In the event of a Communist uprising, the Defense Committee should act as a general staff on police matters to the Federal Government.
- On the second point of the agenda, the committee agreed to study all possible measures which, while abiding by Allied Control regulations, would allow an increase in police and gendarmerie strength.
4. On the third point of the agenda, the committee instructed Deutsch and General Liebitzky to attend to all minor technical matters over which there might still be differences of opinion.

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